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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents, together with English-language abstracts thereof, are enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in an Office Action dated July 15, 2008, which issued in Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-305024, a counterpart to the subject application.

The concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents is found in the attached English Abstracts thereof.

U.S. Patent No. 6,819,794 is a U.S. counterpart to JP 2001-243464, and U.S. Patent No. 5,581,370 is a U.S. counterpart to JP 8-329241.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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